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Man. Detained

► New York City police officers detain a man near Ground Zero as U.S. President Obama leaves the area on Thursday.

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Obama visits Ground Zero in New York

U.S. President Barack Obama travelled to New York Thursday to pay his respects at Ground Zero and visit with 9-11 police and firefighters after announcing last Sunday that U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden. More coverage, page 10.

LRT may come in sooner

► Most work underground so disruptions will be kept to a minimum: Mayor

Ottawa can have its light rail system in place a year earlier, according to a report to be presented to council next week, Mayor Jim Watson said.

"This is as a result of the finance and economic development committee direction to staff that we all felt we wanted to see the project move at a faster pace," Watson said on Thursday.

"Staff have come back and they've been able to put the project on a faster track by one year, so we would have use and completion of the LRT by 2018," he said.

The shortened time line won't see a functional LRT in time for the city's 150th anniversary in 2017, but Watson said it will be possible to keep disruptions to a minimum and people may be able to tour

"One of the benefits of this is it takes a year of inflation off the price of the project. Also we'll get the operation up and running sooner and have revenue coming in."

MAYOR JIM WATSON

some of the underground LRT station facilities during the celebrations.

Watson said the faster time frame will come from shaving six months off the request for proposal and quotes phase of the contracting process and shortening the construction phase by six months.

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► Emergency personnel at the scene of the concrete collapse at 18 Marlborough Ave.

Safety record good, grieving boss says

- Fatal accident was 'unpredictable,' says construction company manager
- Restoration company specializes in replacing old concrete with new



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The man who died in a construction accident on Wednesday left behind a large family and a wife, said his boss yesterday.

Ben Long worked for Hoskins Restoration Services for five years before he died, said the company's general manager, Abe Hoskins, yesterday. Long was standing on a concrete slab over a hole about three-metres deep

outside of a home on Marlborough Avenue in Sandy Hill when it collapsed and then landed on top of him.

Hoskins and Long grew up in the same small town in Newfoundland.

"I know him since he was a child. He's not only a worker he's a family friend," he said. "He has 10 sisters and a brother and a step-brother."

The company is grieving, but the crew will be returning to the home on Marlborough Avenue as

soon as the Ministry of Labour has finished investigating the construction site. Late Thursday evening the Ministry told Metro it had issued an order stopping work until the work area was braced and shored with the help of an engineering firm.

"We have an impeccable safety record. We have no accidents, no nothing," said Hoskins.

He can't say for sure if changes will be made to the company's safety practices as a result as

the accident, saying they will only be made "if it's deemed possible, but it looks like right now, the slab fell," said Hoskins, adding that the investigation isn't finished yet.

Hoskins said that kind of accident was "unpredictable," but it isn't unheard of. "There's been accidents like that before, not necessarily in Ottawa, but in Canada, there has been accidents like that where slabs just collapse," he said.

"He was a great guy, loved him very much. He was a dedicated, professional worker and he was experienced doing what he does. He would not work in any unsafe areas."

ABE HOSKINS,
GENERAL MANAGER,
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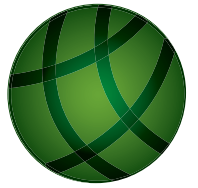
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- Seven Ottawa youth awarded for keeping their cool during emergency situations
 ► Children's Achievement Awards were given out for dialing 911



Digit-dialing Heroes

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► Alexandra and Xavier Pimentel, left to right, Benjamin Martel and Kyle Callwood pose for a picture on an Ottawa fire truck.

Seven kids who kept their cool in some terrifying situations were honoured by the city and its emergency services Thursday.

"Thank you for being outstanding examples for your communities," said Mayor Jim Watson as he addressed the pint size recipients of the Children's

Achievement Awards. "I can imagine how stressful it was, but you helped another human being and should be proud."

The awards were established 13 years ago to recognize children 12 and under who dialed 911 in an emergency.

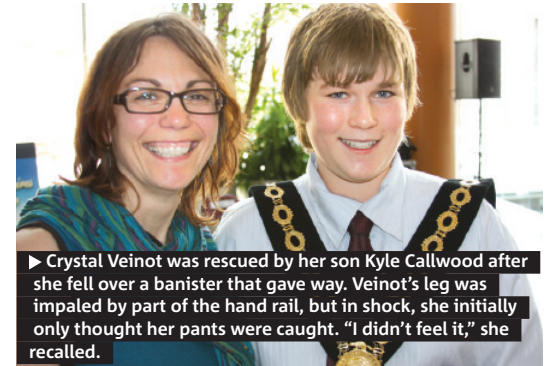
Among this year's recip-

ients were Kyle Callwood, whose mother fell and was impaled by a metal handrail when she put her hand on it and it gave way.

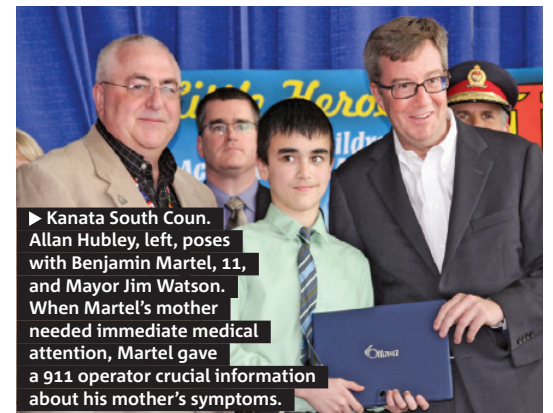
"It's not every day you see something like that," said Callwood, who was just days away from his 13th birthday when the horrifying accident hap-

pened. Instead of doing as his mother asked and calling her best friend, Kyle dialed 911 — a move that likely saved her months of physical rehabilitation.

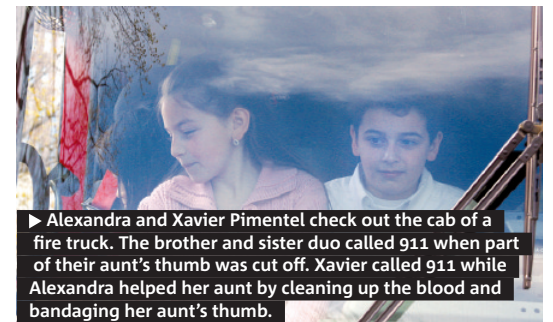
"You just have to keep calm and level headed and keep telling yourself it's going to be alright," Callwood said.



► Crystal Veinot was rescued by her son Kyle Callwood after she fell over a banister that gave way. Veinot's leg was impaled by part of the hand rail, but in shock, she initially only thought her pants were caught. "I didn't feel it," she recalled.



► Kanata South Coun. Allan Hubley, left, poses with Benjamin Martel, 11, and Mayor Jim Watson. When Martel's mother needed immediate medical attention, Martel gave a 911 operator crucial information about his mother's symptoms.



► Alexandra and Xavier Pimentel check out the cab of a fire truck. The brother and sister duo called 911 when part of their aunt's thumb was cut off. Xavier called 911 while Alexandra helped her aunt by cleaning up the blood and bandaging her aunt's thumb.

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Colleague backs NDP upstart

► 'She's a very hard worker,' Carleton pub manager says of newly elected MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau



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Ever since she was elected as MP for Berthier-Maskinongé in Quebec, 27-year-old Ruth Ellen Brosseau has been criticized for lack of experience, not speaking French and living la vida Vegas during the campaign.

But her colleague, Rod Castro, thinks she's ready for the major career change. Brosseau is the assistant manager of Oliver's Pub at Carleton University and has worked there for a year and a half.

"I'm very, very proud of her," said Castro, the pub's manager. "It's a big loss for us."

The NDP MP wiped out her opponents by a 5,000-point margin, but Liberal



► Oliver's Pub, the former workplace of MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau.

and Conservative candidates slammed her during the campaign for taking a vacation in Las Vegas. They also questioned her ability to serve the predominantly francophone riding since she doesn't speak French. While Castro is waiting

to hear from her since the election, he thinks she can work on preparing herself for the new job.

"I think that, without a doubt, she'll do a wonderful job," he said. "Everybody's a rookie at one point, you know."

10 arrested in Centretown drug bust

Two Centretown bars that may have been locations for drug deals are being investigated by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission after the Ottawa police Street Crime Unit carried out a "substantial" bust, arresting 10 people and laying 84 charges, police said yesterday.

They seized cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy

worth an estimated \$37,900.

Police refused to identify the bars.

"We're going to have some discussions with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission and make a determination on whether they will lay charges," said Staff Sgt. Kal Ghabban.

Ghabban said the five-month investigation,

which began in January, is ongoing as officers search for a male and female suspect. Warrants have been obtained for Larry Seguin, 39, and Cheryl Grace Lemieux, 36, of Ottawa.

"We don't have any reason to believe they've left the city, so it's just a matter of time before we're able to locate them," said Ghabban. ● JOE LOFARO

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Firefighters quick to scene

BLAZE. Ottawa firefighters responded to an attic fire in four minutes last night and quenched the blaze 15 minutes later. The call from occupants of 1324 Highgate Rd., just north of Baseline Rd., came in around 6:30 p.m. Thursday with reports of fire in the attic. No one was injured and damage was kept to \$30,000. ● METRO

May 15 kicks off Police Week

COMMUNITY. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has designated May 15-21 as Police Week in Ontario and has provided police services with a theme that will be very familiar to

Ottawa police and community members because it is also its core value – “Working Together for Safer Community.” This year’s list of events and activities includes a variety of community safety topics and reaches community members in different venues across the city. ● METRO

Park to open for motor vehicle traffic

SCENIC. The NCC will open the parkway network in Gatineau Park to motor vehicle traffic as of noon Friday. The Gatineau, Champlain and Fortune parkways offer more than 30 kilometres of scenic routes and provide access to recreational and nature interpretation sites such as Pink Lake, the Champlain Trail and Lookout, the Huron Lookout and the King Mountain Trail. ● METRO

RUNNERS

▶ Annual run goes through Renfrew, Braeside, Whitewater region and Pembroke



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About 40 military personnel and commissionaires began a two-day, 200-kilometre relay run at Parliament Hill Thursday morning.

They’re running relay-style all the way to Petawawa, covering about 35 or more kilometres each before they reach the legion this afternoon.

“It’s pretty fun,” said Rob Dupuis, just after he reached Arnprior Thursday afternoon, where a group of about 1,000 people gathered to cheer the



runners on.

At that point he’d run about 17 kilometres and was feeling great, he said.

Different teams of runners take turns running and anyone on the team who feels tired can jump into a van and rest, so everybody will make it to

“The kids were lined like four deep. They all had signs, they were cheering, high fives. It was pretty cool.”

ROB DUPUIS, ON ARRIVING AT ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN KANATA

Petawawa at the end.

Dupuis said he’s having a good time on the road.

“There’s certainly a lot of joking around in my group, one of the forces guys from Ottawa is sort of the team clown.”



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READY FOR RELAY



► Runners head out from Parliament Hill on the way to Petawawa.

Run helps military families

The funds raised by the commissionaires run are going to Military Family Resource Centres in Petawawa and Ottawa.

The money will go to programs, including one that helps kids deal with stress and the experience of having a parent away on deployment.

"The main goal is to make sure our families are supported," said spokesperson Ashley Gadd "It's something we're very passionate

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Army deployed to help Quebec flood victims

► Government can't fully compensate the 3,000 people who lost homes, premier says ► Waters continue to rise

With entire neighbourhoods half covered in water, Canadian soldiers were being deployed in south-eastern Quebec Thursday to help flood victims.

Military vehicles rumbled into the hardest-hit areas, where soldiers placed sandbags to help stop the flooding.

Area residents, meanwhile, struggled to get around in canoes and all-terrain vehicles.

The military arrived one day after Quebec Premier Jean Charest asked for help from the Canadian Forces.

About 2,800 people have been forced from their homes, with aerial images showing rows of houses

half submerged along the Richelieu River.

The flooding has affected 3,000 homes and one third of those residences have been evacuated. The area's Royal Military College has also been cleared.

A subdued Charest toured the flooded areas Thursday. He said the government would compensate people and municipalities for some of the damages. But he warned that the government couldn't pay for everything.

"It hurts me to say this today. But it's not true that we can compensate everything. It's impossible."

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Winter's fallout

Environment Canada explained that this year's heavy winter snowfall is responsible for the floods.

► Melted Snow in the U.S. Adirondacks melted into Lake Champlain — combined with this week's rain, a startling volume of water poured into the Richelieu River.

► Unique "This is a really unique phenomenon," said Rene Heroux, an Environment Canada meteorologist.



► Soldiers from the 22nd Regiment, known as the Van Doo's, drive their light armoured vehicle through the flooded streets of Saint Blaise, Que., Thursday.

Premier blasts owner for oil spill

The owner of a broken pipeline that has gushed 4.5 million litres of crude oil in northern Alberta is taking heat from the province's Conservative premier and the leader of the federal Green party.

Premier Ed Stelmach says Plains Midstream Canada will not be allowed to reopen its aging Rainbow pipeline until the spilled oil

is properly cleaned up, repairs are made and people in the nearby aboriginal community of Little Buffalo are assured the pipeline is safe.

"From what I can gather they could be doing a better job," Stelmach said of the company's efforts Thursday.

"We are going to hold their feet to the fire to make sure that they are

there and they will have to pay all of the costs related to the cleanup of the spill."

As Stelmach faced questions in Edmonton about the largest Alberta pipeline spill in 36 years, Elizabeth May was in Ottawa calling for an immediate investigation and serious consequences for the company if it is found to have been negligent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline breach

Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board said 28,000 barrels of oil were spilled last week.

► A school in Little Buffalo has been closed since Friday.
► The First Nations community reports headaches, nausea and petroleum odour.

Prairies not flat in economic growth

A new report says Canada's prairie cities will enjoy the strongest economic growth this year, thanks to peak worldwide demand for commodities.

The Conference Board's spring outlook predicts

Saskatoon will lead the country in growth with a 4.1 per cent advance, and will remain at or near the top for the next few years.

Following close behind are Calgary at 3.4 per cent and Regina and Edmonton with 3.1 per cent growth rates.

No other city among the 13 largest metropolitan areas analysed breaks through the three per cent barrier in growth. Toronto comes closest at 2.8 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A pilgrimage to Ground Zero

► 'We will never forget,' says Obama, days after killing of bin Laden



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► U.S. President Barack Obama lays a wreath at Ground Zero on Thursday.

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday marked Osama bin Laden's death where the terrorist inflicted his greatest damage — New York's Ground Zero. Obama laid a wreath there and declared: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

The president closed his eyes and clasped his hands at the outdoor memorial where the twin towers of the World Trade Center

once dominated the Manhattan skyline.

He shook hands with family members affected by the terrorist attacks and others dressed in black at the site where the skyscrapers were brought down by planes commandeered by bin Laden's followers.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the twin attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

The president also visited firefighters and police

"I just want to thank him, hug him ... and shake his hand. Father to father. Thank you for doing this for me."

JIM RICHES, WHOSE FIREFIGHTER SON WAS KILLED AT GROUND ZERO

officers whose response to the terror attacks turned them into heroes.

"This is a symbolic site

of the extraordinary sacrifice that was made on that terrible day," Obama said at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9.

The New York firehouse lost 15 firefighters on Sept. 11.

At the First Precinct police station in lower Manhattan, Obama said of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks, "We keep them in our hearts. We haven't forgotten."

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Few shots fired: New details emerge on raid

Only one of the five people killed in the raid that got Osama bin Laden was armed and fired any shots, a senior U.S. defence official said Thursday.

The official agreed the new account differs greatly from original White House portrayals of a chaotic, intense and prolonged firefight.

The sole shooter in the al-Qaida leader's Pakistani compound was quickly killed in the early minutes of the commando operation, the official said.

The Navy SEALs assault team then swept through the house and shot the others.

After the SEALs' debriefing, he said, the raid should be described as a

Secret helicopter

- Aviation experts said a helicopter used in the assault appeared to be a stealthier, top-secret and never-before-seen version of a routinely used special-ops helicopter.
- The chopper made a hard landing and was destroyed by the military team at the site.

precision, floor-by-floor operation.

As the SEALs moved in to bin Laden's compound, they were fired on by bin Laden's courier, Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti, who was killed.

The Americans were never fired on again.

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EX-PREZ STAYS AWAY

Bush wants to keep a low profile

George W. Bush's decision not to appear at Ground Zero with Barack Obama after the death of Osama bin Laden is part of his desire keep a low public profile, says his wife, Laura Bush.

Laura Bush said Thursday she and her husband were out to din-

ner Sunday night when they got word that Obama wanted to speak with him.

The former president went home to take the call informing him that U.S. military forces had killed Osama bin Laden in a raid in Pakistan.

Bush congratulated Obama, calling bin Laden's death "a victory for America."

George Bush was in power during the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks orchestrated by bin Laden and his followers.

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Palace confirms royal couple's California plans

▶ Trip to follow week-long Canadian tour, where pair will visit Ottawa, P.E.I., Quebec, Alberta, N.W.T, Arctic



▶ The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge hold hands as they walk from Buckingham Palace in London last Saturday, the day after their wedding. They start their week-long tour of Canada on June 30.

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Wills and Kate are heading west to California in July.

Prince William and his wife, Kate Middleton, will be in the state for three days starting July 8 after their official tour of Canada, the prince's office announced Thursday.

The palace did not pro-

vide details of their itinerary.

The trip will be William's first official trip to the U.S. and Kate's first-ever to the country.

The royal couple — now known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge — married last week at Westminster Abbey in a

ceremony seen around the world. After a long weekend in private, they have returned to the remote island of Anglesey in Wales, where William is based as a Royal Air Force search-and-rescue helicopter pilot, putting off a honeymoon for now.

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ROYAL ROUTINE

Groceries a big royal to-do

Prince William and Kate Middleton have slipped into a routine in the week after their lavish wedding.

William returned to work in north Wales as a helicopter rescue pilot for the military and has participated in two rescue operations since

coming back, the British military said Thursday.

The couple decided against an immediate honeymoon after getting married in London on April 29.

The Duchess of Cambridge has been out doing the couple's errands. Front page photographs due to be published in British tabloids Friday showed Middleton pushing a shopping cart at an upscale grocery store in Anglesey, where the pair have their home.

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B.C. judge turns down puppy sales

A Supreme Court judge has dismissed a petition by three pet stores hoping to overturn a municipal bylaw banning the sale of dogs in Richmond, B.C.

The city adopted the bylaw last year to cut off business from puppy mills and reduce the number of unwanted dogs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ignatieff goes back to school in teacher post

► Iggy joins U of T ► He returns to academia after leading Liberals to worst electoral showing in history

Michael Ignatieff is returning to his first love — academia — after losing his own seat in Monday's bloodbath.

He has been appointed as senior resident at the University of Toronto's Massey College.

He will be teaching at the university's faculty of law and the political science department, as well as at the Munk School of Global Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Governance.

Ignatieff is a graduate of the university and an in-



► Michael Ignatieff

ternationally acclaimed academic and author.

He was lured into politics five years ago from a prestigious position at Harvard and has also taught at Oxford and Cambridge.

The college's senior resident position has traditionally been offered to leaders making the transition from politics.

The position has been held by former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, former Reform party leader Preston Manning and Bob Rae, now a Toronto Liberal MP.

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Contract. Heat



► More than 2,000 Saskatchewan teachers rallied at the legislature in Regina on Thursday. They are among about 12,000 teachers across the province who staged a one-day protest to back contract demands.

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Teachers take to streets

Teachers have been in negotiations for nearly a year and without a contract since the end of August. In April, they voted 95 per cent in favour of job action. The union is demanding a 12 per cent raise over one year.

NDP deputy explains Osama pic comments

The deputy leader of the NDP is backing away from comments he made about the existence of photos of Osama bin Laden's body.

On CBC TV on Wednesday, Thomas Mulcair questioned whether U.S. President Barack Obama actually had photos proving his account of the death of bin Laden.

Mulcair now acknowledges that he gave mixed messages about his assessment. He told CBC Radio in Montreal that he gave "meandering" remarks that probably stemmed from campaign fatigue.

He says he did not mean to question the existence of the photos but, rather, wants to know if the Obama administration has photos of bin Laden reaching for a weapon.

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Tories lose court appeal over GST rebate

The federal Conservatives have lost another round in their legal fight with Elections Canada over campaign financing.

The Supreme Court re-

fused Thursday to hear an appeal by the party over GST rebates on election expenses.

The case involves refunds political parties

receive from Elections Canada for half of all their campaign expenses, on top of the rebates they receive from the Canada Revenue Agency for half of

their GST payments.

The Tories maintained the system amounts to "double dipping" and went to court to argue that GST rebates should have

been deducted from parties' campaign financial returns in 2004 and 2006. The party won an initial ruling but lost on appeal.

Had they won at the high court, the Tories would have had to repay almost \$600,000 in election expense rebates.

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► A 30-tonne building, formerly St. Matthew's Anglican Church, arrives in Newport Landing, N.S., after being floated across the Bay of Fundy on Thursday.

Church spared wrecking ball

- Town could not afford to keep 170-year-old church
- Purchased by local business to house wine shop

Cheers and applause rose up over the rain-soaked shores of a Nova Scotia river Thursday as a ferry steamed into port carrying an exalted piece of cargo.

About 300 people crowded around the wharf in Newport Landing while the boat slowly inched toward shore, laden with a 170-year-old church spared from the wrecking ball and destined for a new home inland.

Stewart Creaser organ-

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Stewart Creaser was offered The Walton church for a dollar, but he insisted on paying the original price: \$1.67 in 1837.

ized the unusual journey after buying the Anglican church more than a year ago to house his vineyard's wine shop in Avondale in

the Annapolis Valley.

He travelled up the Avon with the church after it was loaded on board Wednesday in nearby Walton, where it was purchased for \$1.67 in 1837.

Creaser has said he's thrilled to be able to save the prim, light-blue building because of its unique construction features that should be treasured, but would otherwise have been lost.

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Gadhafi's nurse seeks asylum

Moammar Gadhafi's Ukrainian nurse is in Norway and has applied for political asylum, the country's security police say.

Halyna Kolotnytska left Libya in February due to the unrest and returned to Ukraine, where she stayed



►Halyna Kolotnytska

with her daughter and mother in a modest apartment near Kyiv. It is not known if her family went with her to Norway.

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Rebels to receive new funds

New money pipelines are opening up to help Libyan rebels determined to topple Moammar Gadhafi, with the U.S. saying it will move to free up part of the \$30 billion it has frozen in Libyan assets and a score

\$3B The rebels say they need up to \$3 billion for military salaries, food, medicine and other basic supplies.

of nations pledging Thursday to start a new fund to supply civilians with food, medicine and even paychecks. Twenty-two nations have already pledged \$250 million in humanitarian aid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grim task of burying dead left to volunteers

- Misrata's streets covered in bodies as Gadhafi troops pull out
- Group says even the tyrant's soldiers deserve proper burial

Flies flickered through flashlight beams and a foul odour filled the air as the men tromped down the stairs to a basement. Their rubber boots splashed in ankle-deep putrid water as they scanned the darkness for the bodies they'd come to retrieve.

The men are all volunteers for the particularly morbid task of combing Misrata's war-shattered streets for the unburied dead from two months of urban combat.

The group has found well over 100 bodies, including 44 charred corpses in one house, said Dr. Faraj Ahmed, a veterinarian.

The group's members

"When Gadhafi's forces pulled out ... they had left lots of bodies — 10 here, 25 there — and the dogs and the cats were eating them."

BASHIR IBRAHIM, VOLUNTEER

are not trained to deal with the dead, and no one asked them to do it. Instead, the labourers, businessmen and university students organized themselves, driven by the desire to prevent disease and follow the Islamic obligation to respect the dead.

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Migrants. Evacuated



► A migrant carries a suitcase after arriving at the port in Benghazi from the besieged Libyan city of Misrata, Libya, Thursday.

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Fleeing back home

Thousands of migrant workers who were stranded in Misrata when the anti-Gadhafi uprising broke out were gradually evacuated on aid ships. Those left behind are living in a squalid tent camp near the port.

Brits vote on electoral reform

► Most happy with system now: Poll

Record. Purr



► Smokey, a grey and white tabby cat prepares to receive a treat from owner Ruth Adams, in Northampton, England, in this file photo released last March.

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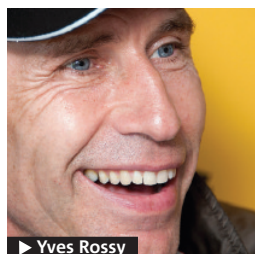
Meows like a dove's cry

Smokey the cat has roared her way into Guinness World Records, having achieved the loudest purr by a domestic cat. Guinness said Thursday the tabby earned her place with record-setting 67.7 decibels — a sound akin to the cooing of an angry dove.

Daredevil awaits decision on Canyon stunt

A Swiss daredevil planning to fly above the Grand Canyon in a jet-propelled wingsuit expected to find out Friday if he's allowed to do so — the day of his scheduled flight.

The Federal Aviation Administration says it's still reviewing adventurer Yves Rossy's proposal to ensure



► Yves Rossy

it meets safety standards. The 51-year-old Rossy plans to jump from a helicopter on the Hualapai Reservation, soaring over the Grand Canyon in his first U.S. flight in the custom-built suit.

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"Candidates will need to knock on more doors, make more phone calls and listen more carefully to those who disagree."

ED MILIBAND, LEADER OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION LABOUR PARTY

House of Commons.

Polls detected less support for a change to the Alternate Vote, where voters mark their ballots in order of preference. If no one wins a majority on the first count, votes of the lowest-ranked candidates would

be distributed according to preferences.

The referendum was the condition on which the perennially third-place Liberal Democrats joined a new coalition government with the Conservatives last spring. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Voting for change

Liberal Democrats have most to gain from changing the voting system.

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Cost cuts to drive new carrier

► Air Canada's discount airline could face headwinds with ongoing labour disputes, higher fuel prices

Air Canada will introduce a low-cost carrier only if it can sustainably reduce labour and other costs, CEO Calin Rovinescu said Thursday.

"We will not do it unless it has the ability to remain truly low cost over the long term. It needs to be able to avoid the type of cost creep that has plagued legacy carriers over the years," he said.

Canada's largest airline failed in its attempt to introduce discount carriers a decade ago. The proposed model would ramp up to 50 aircraft and create jobs for 462 pilots, three times as many flight attendants and some maintenance workers.



► Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu is convinced that a low-cost carrier is key to achieving long-term profitability.

Rovinescu said the new carrier can work by creating a fundamentally different cost structure to profitably operate in leisure markets and European destinations.

Approval from Air Canada's unions is a key step in

proceeding. The airline has begun negotiations with all of its labour groups and is hopeful that new collective agreements can be reached without disputes.

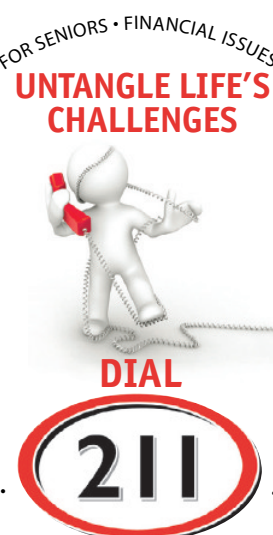
A ratification vote by pilots gets underway on Monday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Satellite services must carry local stations, CRTC says

Canada's telecommunications regulator has tweaked the rules for satellite carriers in a move that will force both Bell TV and Shaw Direct to carry more local TV stations.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says telecom companies must carry all stations that are part of the Local Programming Improvement Fund, which was established in 2009 to support small- and mid-sized local stations.

The changes, which take effect on Sept. 1, will ensure that Canadian subscribers to both Bell and Shaw's satellite services receive the local affiliate station of each of the national



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satellite corporations, which promptly passed the fee on directly to consumers, who complained in the tens of thousands.

The new regulations also stipulate that Bell and Shaw must carry five English-language and also five French-language CBC stations and perhaps more, depending on availability.

They also must carry one television station per province from each major Canadian broadcasting ownership group, and two stations from other ownership groups.

"Canadians in all markets should have access to their local television stations, regardless of how they receive their programming," CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

WEALTH WATCH

Welcome to Club Millionaire

The assets of wealthy Canadians will reach \$6.77 trillion by 2020, a new study suggests, predicting there will be a lot more millionaires over the coming decade.

The study by the Deloitte Center for Financial Services predicts the number of millionaires in Canada will surge to more than 2.4 million by

2020, up by more than 32 per cent from the current 1.7 million. The rise is partly due to the strong economy, particularly in the resource sector.

Globally, wealth among millionaire households could more than double over the next decade in 25 major economies, growing from \$92 trillion this year to \$202 trillion in 2020.

Developed nations are expected to remain the centres of global wealth, with 43 per cent held by millionaires in the U.S.

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Crown Vic plant on the block

The Ford plant in St. Thomas, Ont., is for sale ahead of its expected closing later this year. The price tag for the 2.1 million-square-foot facility is \$22.75 million, with an adjacent 161-acre vacant parcel of land going for an extra \$3.2 million.

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Victoria.

The union is in talks with company officials at the head office in Oakville to try and minimize the impact of the closure on employees.

"Ford, from our perspective, had no desire to invest in the facility ... and the final nail is when they put it up for sale," said CAW pres-

ident Ken Lewenza, who added the union is willing to be flexible in order to keep jobs in the area.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be a new vehicle ... but all of Ford's success should result in some investment in Canada, resulting in jobs for Ford workers."

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► A customer gets their eyes checked at Warby Parker's Manhattan showroom in New York, Wednesday.

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Blockbuster in debt, put into receivership

► Chain's Canadian arm owes movie studios more than \$67M US: Court docs

Blockbuster's Canadian operations have been placed into receivership by the Ontario Superior Court after the chain missed payments on its debt.

Documents filed in court say the Canadian company acted as guarantor for Blockbuster's U.S.

operations, which went into bankruptcy protection last September then subsequently sold off its assets last month.

The chain has about 400 stores in Canada, which remain open.

The U.S. side was bought by Dish Network

Corp. last month for \$228 million US in cash.

Blockbuster is already a shadow of its former self — when the chain filed for bankruptcy protection, it was down to 3,000 stores in the U.S., less than a third of the peak of 9,100 in 2004.

There are about 2,400 currently open with plans to close about 700 more by mid-April.

Blockbuster used to dominate the U.S. movie rental business. But it lost money for years as that business declined.

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This was the mother of all news weeks.

1 Kindergarten Kaukus: Among Jack Layton's newly elected MPs: 19-year-old Pierre-Luc Dusseault,

the youngest MP in the history of the nation, who would not have been old enough to vote before 1970. He is joined in the House by Ruth Ellen Brosseau, 27, elected in a francophone riding even though she doesn't speak much French and spent a good part of the campaign in Vegas, baby. Thus begins the shortest political honeymoon ever.

2 Osama pictures: OK, is this guy really dead or what? Doubting Thomases of the world unite! Show us the pictures! This is probably just a stunt by that other Arab, Obama what's-his-name, to distract

us from the real scandal: He was obviously born in Africa or is an alien or something.

"... it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop ..."

3 Royal wedding: Kate and William cost the U.K. five billion to 10 billion pounds in lost productivity because of all those bewitched Brits. Of course, the \$3.3 billion in royal chachkas almost made it a wash. If you're already sick of the whole thing, hold onto your stom-

ach as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are going to Hollywood after they finish the tour of the provinces this summer. Can't wait.

4 The Naughty Bishop: Canada's creepiest cleric, his former eminence Raymond Lahey, confessed to a fatal attraction for young males, even though his church is opposed to homosexuality, pederasty, and various other mortal sins of that ilk. Lahey is so overcome by Catholic guilt he's eager to go to jail even before formal sentencing. Whatever his maxima culpa, you can bet he won't be declared a saint like John Paul II right after he dies. Or ever, for that matter.

5 The seal hunt: Along with the darling buds of May, it's that time of year when Newfoundlanders go out on the ice to prove their manhood by clubbing cute cuddly seals to death. And, just as inevitably, it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop, who just looks as if he's been clubbed to death, and Ke\$ha (seals are, like, our friends) who are featured on posters that say: Canada's Club Scene Sucks!

Honourable mentions:

6 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders: A little token dignity in a sea of nonsense.

7 Michael Ignatieff: It was all just a dream Zsuzanna. There's no place like Harvard.

8 Gilles Duceppe: Bloc Québécois leader will collect a pension of \$140,765 from the Canadian people for the rest of his life. Merde.

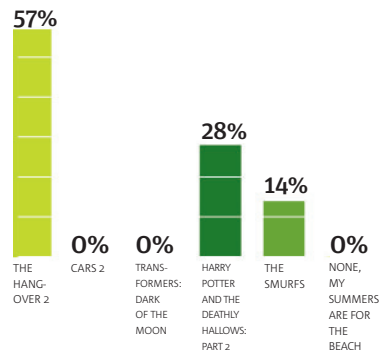
9 Why are we in Libya?

10 Bieber watch: Australian teen arrested for throwing eggs at Justin Bieber. Because he missed?



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► @rasselin66: RT @uOttawa_News: #uOttawa convocation from June 11-14 at #NAC with our students and great personalities to be honoured! More to come ... #uogrd #ottawa

► @alexsmth: I love the Glebe. I want to move back here. #ottawa

► @LeahEustace: Having

watched the water slowly rise over the past few days on my drive to/from work, I can report that the canal is now full #Ottawa

► @jbeelen32: slowpitch is not baseball — “@1310news: Ottawa city baseball league upset by field closures — 1310News <http://t.co/VoQNYeH> #ottnews #ottawa

► @HotelIndigoOtt: Congrats to Kathryn Cyr for her President's Award at the #MPI #Ottawa Gala.

► @Harteezy: my legs are harder than osama bin laden

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. A research team at Queen's University has entered the race to slim down tablets and smartphones with a plastic, flexible prototype that's just about paper thin.

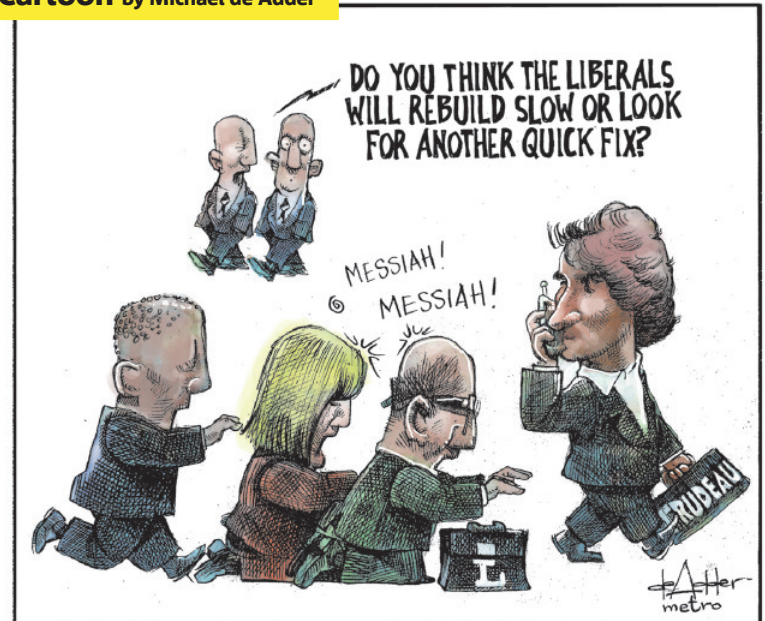
The school's Human Media Lab has unveiled a type of e-paper technology nicknamed the PaperPhone, which is described as a bendable iPhone.

The device measures 9.5 centimetres diagonally and its electronics are housed in a thin, flexible film that can be rolled up. It has a greyscale E Ink screen and has a few applications that can make phone calls, play music, read e-books and maps.

Rather than using buttons or touchscreen controls, the plastic device responds to different bends. Commands are triggered by bending the corners of the device, or rolling the right edge backward or forward.

While creator Roel Vertegaal admits the technology would likely need at least five to 10 years to go mass market in a sophisticated way, he boldly claims the research team is onto a game-changing technology. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Wonder what his wandering will accomplish

A social media enthusiast has won the title of “Saskatchewanwanderer,” a post with the provincial government that his bosses dubbed “the best summer job ever.”

Andrew Konoff, 21, will be paid to spend the summer travelling and blogging, tweeting, Facebooking and YouTubeing about everything that makes Saskatchewan special.

The tourism department came up

with the idea to hold a competition to hire a post-secondary student for the job by posting short videos by the applicants online and then letting the public cast their votes.

The University of Regina student, event planner and stage actor started out with a clever video describing his passion for travel and his previous adventures on the Mongol Rally, a car race from England to Mongolia.

He boasted of his love for Saskatchewan, “which includes my love of the Riders and crappy roads.”

Tourism Minister Bill Hutchinson said Konoff has already created a buzz about the job and he believes the people of Saskatchewan will find his work interesting and informative.

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Festival blooms in Ottawa

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► World's largest tulip festival runs from May 6 to 13 ► Started as gift from Dutch princess after WWII



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Ottawa invites everyone to celebrate spring with a burst of one million tulips opening each day during the Canadian Tulip Festival, blooming from May 6 to 23.

"It's the world's largest tulip festival," says Brent Gorman, the festival's marketing and media manager. "The park events are free, and there's something for everyone."

Informally known as the "friendship festival," it sprouted from a gift of thousands of tulips to the Canadian capital at the end of the Second World War.

After the Nazi invasion of her homeland in May 1940, the Dutch Crown Princess Juliana and her young children took refuge in Ottawa, where she gave birth to Princess Margriet in 1943.

In gratitude for the safe haven, and for the role of Canadian troops in the liberation of Holland in May 1945, Princess Juliana and the Netherlands sent 120,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa that year.

Ever since, the royal family has sent an annual gift of 10,000 bulbs and, beginning in 1958, the Royal General Dutch Bulb Growers' Association has matched that.

The National Capital Commission adds thou-

Passport to fun

- A \$20 festival passport serves as a guidebook and offers two-for-one restaurant deals and free or discounted entry to national attractions, such as the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Art Gallery, the War Museum and the Museum of Nature.
- It also offers reduced prices on boat tours of the Rideau Canal or a bird's-eye view of the tulip beds and Parliament Hill from an open-cockpit plane provided by the Canadian Museum of Space and Aviation.

sands of bulbs as well, and local merchants and residents plant their own patches to top off the dazzling display of colour.

Families, gardeners and photographers flock into the city for the festival.

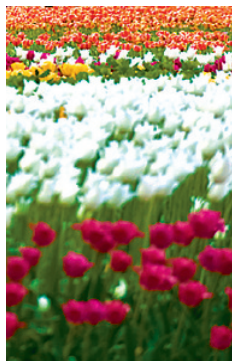
"Newcomers are always taken aback at what Ottawa has to offer, but many people from as far away as Europe and Asia return year after year," says Gorman. "Some came as children, and now they are bringing their own kids."

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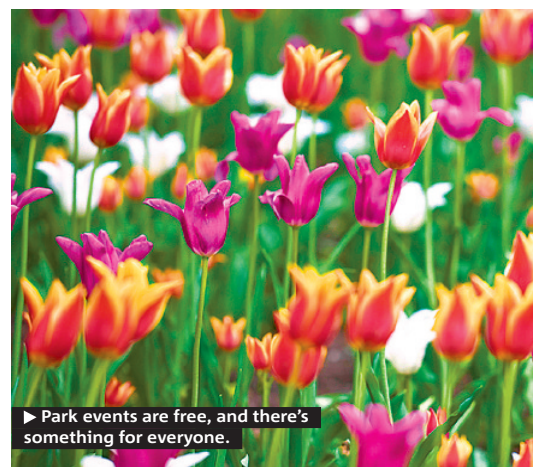
- Find everything you need to know at bulb.com.
- Or check out Celebrations and Events at canadascapital.gc.ca, then click on Tulips in the Capital, to find garden tips and a map of what's planted where to help you identify your favourites.
- Look for the new cultivar named Michaele Jean, which was presented by Princess Margriet to the Governor General in May of 2010.



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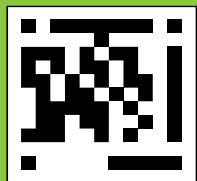
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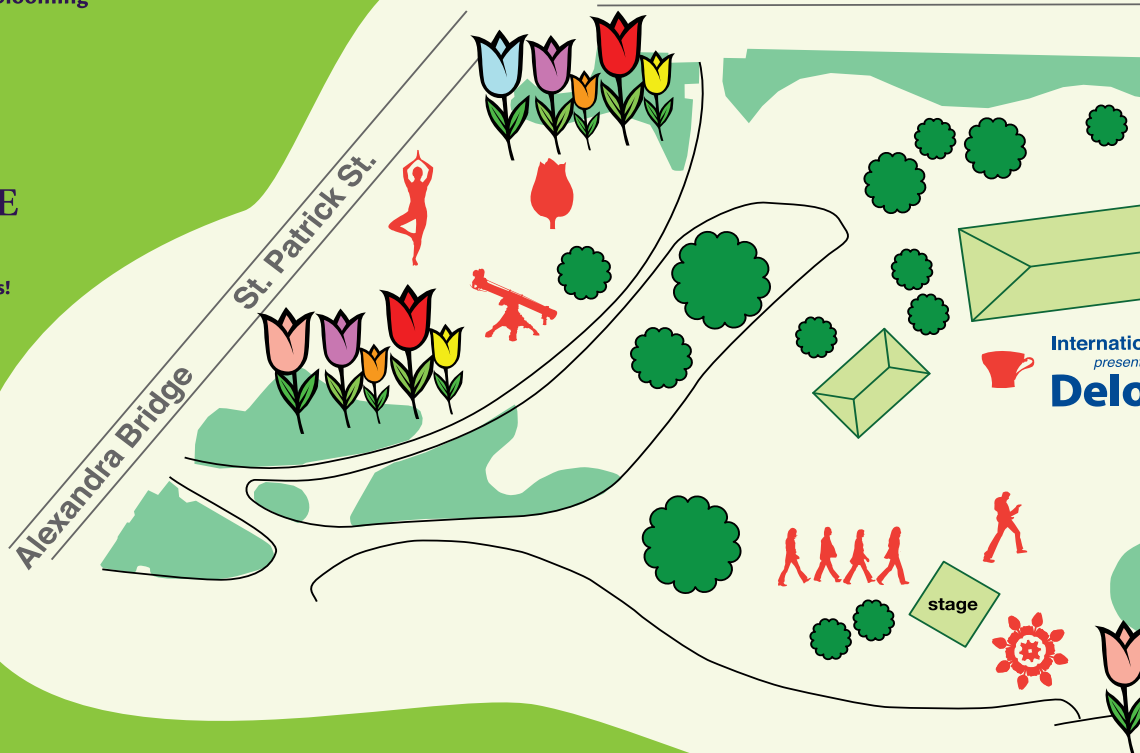


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Gaga contest



Congratulations to Lyle Reimer, our Canadian finalist in Metro's global Lady Gaga editorial assistant contest.

Lyle, who lives in Richmond, B.C., with partner Raymond Boutet, wowed us with his strength, courage and wonderful sense of self — not to mention fabulous sense of humour.

Be sure to pick up Metro May 17 — remember, Lady Gaga is our international Guest Editor — to read Lyle's winning entry and find out who was named Gaga's assistant for a day.

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Plot synopsis

Based on the Marvel comic book, the action in Thor really begins with our hero about to be named king by his father (Anthony Hopkins). Seconds before daddy says the words, "You are king," Frost Giants from an enemy realm interrupt the ceremony. Furious that his big day has been marred, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) disobeys his father and skips realms to confront the invaders. His punishment for his reckless, arrogant behaviour is banishment to Earth and the arms of meteorologist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman).

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●

Mark: ●●●●

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Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman star in Thor.

Thor brings the fun

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Thor ► It's cheesy fun and the humour shines through, even if the love story falls a little flat

Richard Crouse: Mark, it's hammer time! Thor, the ball peen superhero, is big, loud cheesy fun. It feels a bit like an amuse bouche to the all-superhero-all-the-time Avengers movie coming next year, but as an origin movie it gets the job done. Unlike its star, the incredibly buff Chris Hemsworth, the movie is a bit soft in the middle. It starts off well, slows to a crawl midway, but as soon as Thor Gets His Groove back ... er ... Gets His Hammer Back, the movie gets back on track. What did you think?

Mark Breslin: Well, it did feel long to me. In fact, my ath ith thtill a bit thor. But

I liked the way it moved back and forth between the worlds of Earth and Thor's home planet. It almost felt like two different movies were going on, but just almost. At first I couldn't believe that Kenneth Branagh would direct a comic book movie, but the film does have a Shakespearean feel at times. What say you, Richard?

RC: It's a greatest hits of Willy's themes — love, deception, death and daddy issues, and Anthony Hopkins classes up the joint a little bit, although the way he chews the scenery it's like he hasn't eaten in a month but I wish it didn't

sag in the middle. The Natalie Portman love story is the weakest thing about the movie.

MB: And Portman is the weakest link in the film, period. But what about the lead, Chris Hemsworth? I thought he was very good in a ludicrous role, and the twinkle in his eye and swagger in his step really made the part bearable, as did his spectacular pecs.

RC: Couldn't agree more about Portman. She's miscast. Kat Dennings, in a throwaway role that she turns into a charismatic supporting part, would have been a better and more interesting lead. As

for Hemsworth, initially I didn't know if he was going to cut it with his oh-so-serious line delivery, but later, his realization that as "the Mighty Thor" has lost some of his powers is fun. The movie is actually a lot funnier than I thought it would be.

MB: Intentionally funny, I might add, which is unusual for this kind of movie. I liked the visuals on Planet Whatever. They were rich and deep, which is more than I can say for the now-mandatory 3-D, which I found tepid. But not the noise level! Talk about Hammer time! I'm just getting my hearing back now.

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Feig mines optimism for laughs

► Bridesmaids director got to work with the funniest females around ► Hopes movie opens doors for women



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Paul Feig is probably best described as a master of cringe comedy. As the co-creator of the beloved high school humiliation comedy *Freaky And Geeks* as well as the director of TV shows like *The Office* and films like the upcoming *Bridesmaids*, Feig has displayed a knack for mining laughs out of awkward behaviour.

When asked why he has such an affinity for this style of comedy, Feig told Metro, "I'm an eternal optimist and when you're always opening yourself up for humiliation and failure because it's very seldom that things turn out better than you expect. It's inevitably

Feig's resumé

Paul Feig might not be the biggest name in comedy but he's been involved with some of the best TV comedies around. Here is a partial list of show's he has worked on.

► The Office, Nurse Jackie, Bored to Death, Parks and Recreation, Weeds, 30 Rock, Arrested Development, Undeclared, *Freaky And Geeks*.

worse and I always found that funny and relatable."

Feig's latest directorial outing *Bridesmaids* (opening next week) fits comfortably into this mould. The film stars Saturday Night Live veteran Kristen Wiig — who also co-wrote the

movie — as a struggling woman with a failed business, a mountain of debt, and a stunted love life who finds herself going through a series of embarrassing misadventures while helping a lifelong friend prepare for her wedding. It's a situation designed to provoke fits of laughter through nauseating discomfort and also fulfilled Feig's longstanding desire to create strong comedic roles for women.

"I've always had this sick feeling in my stomach over women getting such crappy roles, especially in comedies where they always tend to become shrewish," explained the director. "To this day, so many talented people I know in this business are women who are hilarious



► Bridesmaids stars, from left, Melissa McCarthy, Ellie Kemper, Rose Byrne, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Maya Rudolph and Kristen Wiig. It opens in theatres next Friday.

but can't get that big break because the roles just aren't there.

"I thought it would be nice to change the tide with this movie a little bit. But that also brought a lot

of pressure on me because it's like, 'Oh God, if I screw this up or it doesn't do well, it's going to make it even harder for women to get their own projects.'"

Based on laugh count

alone the director definitely succeeded and now we'll see if audiences will be willing to open their hearts and wallets to see his cast of lovely ladies behaving badly.

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Priest taps into western genre



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The American western long ago dug its dusty claws into virtually every genre of film known to man, but it's with horror and science fiction that the mark remains most resonant.

Director Scott Stewart's new 3-D horror action yarn *Priest* however, makes little effort to hide its inspiration, wearing its Stetson tipped heart on its sleeve. The film sees actor Paul Bettany playing the titular man of the cloth who breaks his vows of peace to rescue his niece from the fangs of the hordes of vampires that ravage the Earth, all the while running afoul of a corrupt church (led by Christopher Plummer).



▶ Scott Stewart

"(Priest) has familiar ingredients but a new recipe," says Stewart. "It has all these iconic elements. Motorcycles replace horses and the look of the film is a mix of the 1890's period film and a post-apocalyptic world."

Stewart's background is in special effects, having worked extensively with his own company and with Industrial Light & Magic creating some of the

screen's grandest illusions. It's this ability to understand the aesthetics and mechanics of special effects that made him the perfect choice for such a visual picture.

"Because of my FX work I can visualize ideas myself," Stewart said. "I can show people what I want the vampires and cities to look like."

Priest is clearly a fantasy, yet with its title and blatantly theological themes, it is certainly set to court controversy. Stewart, however, isn't worried about any backlash.

"God is not a bad guy in this movie," Stewart said. "It's about an oppressive government that is just as bad as the church, but that's in the context of the film."

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Something Borrowed

Genre: Romantic Comedy
Director: Luke Greenfield
Stars: Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin, Colin Egglesfield

This somewhat aggravating romance, based on Emily Giffin's bestselling novel, wades through murky waters of lover's triangles, deceit, betrayal and ill will and somehow in the end, it's all roses. It's impossible to buy Kate Hudson's Darcy, a motor-mouthed shrew who shrieks and mugs her way through this as the intended bride of a



reserved and cautious Dex (Egglesfield). He's in love with Rachel. (Goodwin) but lacks gumption and Rachel is apparently blind to his misdeeds.

Twists and turns keep it interesting and there are a few laughs despite everyone's failure to see what's in front of them.

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Daydream Nation

Genre: Drama
Director: Michael Goldbach
Stars: Kat Dennings, Reece Thompson and Josh Lucas

Daydream Nation chronicles the year in Carolyn Wexler's (Kat Dennings) life in which "everything

happened." She seduces her handsome English teacher (Josh Lucas). Complicating matters is an amorous gym teacher and a serial killer. This smart school story cleverly details the complicated, confusing aspects of teen life.

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► Singer Janelle Monáe performs at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Rockin' a tux every day

► After touring with Winehouse and Prince, Janelle Monáe hits the road again with Bruno Mars ► Monáe says she could roll with anyone

Like most artists, Janelle Monáe prepares for a live show with a list she follows, including exercising and vocal warm-ups.

Unlike most artists, Monáe says her list also includes the routine of putting her hair in dirt, washing and conditioning it — and repeating the cycle. She also says that she eats “Asian cuisine with the bus driver.”

It's hard to tell if she is joking, but if you know of Monáe — or her music — it wouldn't be that surprising. The singer is not your typical artist: She's always seen in a tuxedo and rocks a pompadour. Her music is a blend of alternative, R&B and funk sounds and some

of her songs are inspired by things like Muhammad Ali's fists, Walt Disney and Star Wars.

The singer's first full-length CD, the melodramatic 18-track epic *The ArchAndroid*, follows a female android who discovers she is the chosen one and is trying to adapt to her new superpowers. The disc earned her two Grammy nominations and was a critical success. The Associated Press named it the No. 1 album of 2010.

Since its release, Monáe has toured with Prince and Amy Winehouse. She'll open for Katy Perry in September and her co-headlining tour with rising star Bruno Mars kicks off

Wednesday in New York.

The 25-year-old Monáe says because of her musical style, she's able to go on the road with, pretty much, any musician.

“I can go anywhere that I want,” Monáe told the AP in a phone interview last week. “I could hang with (Vogue magazine editor-at-large) Andre Leon Talley, Karl Lagerfeld ... Big Boi (of OutKast), do shows with Prince, Stevie Wonder. I mean that's pretty much my life. I'm not boxed in to any one thing.”

The performer said she spent 80 per cent of the last year on tour, but insists she's found some downtime to record new music.

“I'm very inspired right now,” she said. “This (new) album will definitely change lives.”

Monáe and Mars are labelmates. They performed a medley together at this year's Grammy Awards, along with rapper B.o.B. Monáe says she's excited to share her music with Mars' fans, and says they can expect surprises and more onstage. “Our shows are very high energy and you don't see that a lot,” she said. “I would love to see it more — you know when you have the artist crowd surfing and giving their all. And there are a lot of great shows out, but what we're doing is not being done.”

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ANVIL HAS WEIGHT

SOUND CHECK



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Whilst listening to the BBC in the winter of 2009, a movie reviewer said, “The Story of Anvil is very good, but I couldn't tell if I was being put on. Is this a real band or is it some kind of Spinal Tap joke?”

I immediately sent an email. “They're real. Trust me.” A few minutes later, the reviewer returned. “I've just received an email from a chap in Canada who assures us that Anvil and their story are very real. Okay, if you say so.”

Since then, guitarist/singer Steve “Lips” Kudlow, drummer Robb Reiner — in their 50s — and bass player Glenn Five (the baby) have barely had time to breathe. Gigs opening for AC/DC; the Tonight Show; a cameo in *The Green Hornet*; shows from South America to Japan; a book based on the movie with a foreword by Slash. And along the way, a few surreal

moments.

“When (the documentary) won at the Independent Spirit Awards, I saw Paul McCartney across the room,” Lips says, “and I thought ‘This is my chance! I'm going to meet a Beatle!’ But then Quentin Tarantino blocked me. ‘You got ripped off at the Oscars! YOU should have won (for best documentary)! But they gave it to a dolphin movie! A DOLPHIN MOVIE!’”

The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl is a fan. “He pulled up in a limo and got out with a guitar case and I thought ‘Great! He's going to want to jam with us!’ But then he said ‘This guitar is for you because I'm such a big fan.’”

Grohl invited Anvil to make their next album at his private 606 Studios. All of Reiner's drum tracks from their new album, *Juggernaut of Justice*, (out Tuesday) were recorded there.

If you're into Anvil and their kind of metal, I can honestly say that this album is the best thing they've done since the early '80s.

Lips looks at me with a mixture of awe and wonder. “Our 15 minutes,” he says, “has now gone to two hours.”

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Pop goes the safety dance

- Men Without Hats gets new life through Glee, soccer chants, ice tea ads
- The band starts their family friendly tour playing all their hits Friday

What's the ultimate reward for penning a hit song with an incredibly infectious hook? For Men Without Hats singer Ivan Doroschuk, it was seeing soccer fans around the world chant Pop Goes the World in unison.

"I kind of feel like I did my job, you know?" the singer said of his 1987 hit during a recent telephone interview from Victoria.

"It's the people — they're using it for free. It's out there, you know?"

Doroschuk, who is set to embark on a Men Without Hats reunion tour Friday, says he gets videos from fans around the world who want to show him that their local soccer crowds are singing his song.

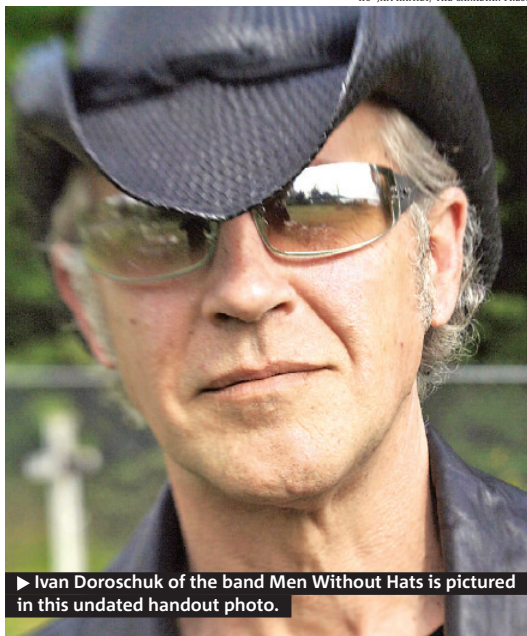
It's just one of the many ways that younger music lovers are discovering Men Without Hats, the '80s new wave band that also shot up the charts with Safety Dance.

"(They hear the songs) all kinds of ways, that's one thing that really amazes me," says Doroschuk.

"Like, some of them through Glee ... all the way up to the Hugh Jackman Lipton tea commercial (that features Safety Dance). All kinds of stuff — Beavis and Butthead, The Simpsons, their parents."

Many of those parents discovered Men Without Hats during the band's heyday in the 1980s.

Formed in Montreal in 1977, the unusual moniker reportedly came about be-



► Ivan Doroschuk of the band Men Without Hats is pictured in this undated handout photo.

cause Doroschuk and his fashion-conscious brothers refused to wear hats even in the city's frigid winter.

The group released several albums with a rotating cast of members (Doroschuk remained a constant). The last official Men Without Hats record was 1991's *Sideways*.

Then, 10 years ago, Doroschuk stepped out of the spotlight to become a full-time father.

The singer says his son, now 10, had only a vague idea about dad's former career. He finally realized the extent of it through the computer-animated character Crazy Frog, which redid

Safety Dance.

"They did a really hip video for it last year that was on (TV) every 10 minutes," says Doroschuk.

"That's when (my son) kind of clued in and all his friends at school were talking about it. His whole generation knows about it through that."

The original video for Safety Dance was memorable as well, featuring a dwarf and a wench joyfully dancing through a medieval-themed village.

"I flew there and back on Concorde," Doroschuk recalls of the video's two-day shoot just outside Bath, England. "It was my idea to

do a Pied Piper thing."

The singer found that fans still clamour to hear the hits when he emerged from his self-imposed hiatus to play Victoria's Rifflandia music festival last September. That was followed by an appearance at this spring's South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Tex.

"It was great," he said. "The fans were so welcoming. It was just so much fun."

Doroschuk is working on new music, but said that the upcoming tour will be all about the old songs, which will no doubt be lapped up by a new generation of concert-goers.

"It's a family friendly show this time," he said.

"All your favourite Men Without Hats songs ... it's a greatest Hats tour."

The Dance If You Want Tour kicks off in Victoria on Friday, followed by dates in Vancouver, Grande Prairie, Alta., Edmonton, Calgary, Castlegar, B.C., Regina, Toronto and Montreal.

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► Cheryl Cole arrives for the Brit Awards 2011 at The O2 Arena in London.

Cole joins Cowell with a gavel

The Fox network says British pop superstar Cheryl Cole will be seated at the judge's panel for The X Factor.

Cole will join Grammy-winning music producer Antonio "L.A." Reid and Simon Cowell on the much-anticipated singing contest debuting this fall on Fox, the network announced Thursday.

The series is based on Cowell's hit British show,

where Cole has been a judge in the past.

Previously, Paula Abdul, who teamed with Cowell on Fox's American Idol, has been mentioned as a possible fourth X Factor judge.

The X Factor is open to solo singers and vocal groups age 12 and up, with auditions currently under way. The winner gets a \$5 million record contract.

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Ups and downs of a TV marriage

▶ Desperate Housewives stars say their characters' relationship is mirrored off-screen

Marriage can be a hard job. This Tom and Lynette Scavo have reminded us for seven years as husband and wife on *Desperate Housewives*.

On the other hand, marriage can be a great gig. That's what it's been for Doug Savant and Felicity Huffman, who are wed in holy matrimony as the Scavos on the ABC hit.

"It's a good marriage," states Huffman. "It's got its ups and downs, but it keeps moving forward."

"It is by no means perfect," says Savant. "But I like what it represents on television. I like what it represents in America."

America — or a large chunk of its TV audience, anyway — has embraced the Scavo marriage since *Desperate Housewives* premiered in fall 2004. Lynette and Tom stood out among their wacky neighbours on Wisteria Lane, TV's go-to address for sexy suburban angst.

She was the former ad exec and frustrated stay-at-home mom, the most grounded member of the core sisterhood played also by Marcia Cross, Teri Hatcher and Eva Longoria. He was the laid-back, often perfunctory breadwinner.

Their marriage has weathered many challenges in this melange of melodrama, whodunit and dark comedy. Now, as *Housewives* (airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT) builds to its season finale on May 15, Tom has bloomed into a big-shot businessman who thinks Lynette is threatened by his success.

"That's a new thing, and I find that as we act these scenes, it informs our off-screen time. Suddenly, we are a little at odds with each other, a little short with each other, in a way we didn't used to be. You're meaner," she says to Savant and chuckles.

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▶ Doug Savant and Felicity Huffman

TV picks



▶ Tina Fey

Returning to her roots

COMED. Tina Fey is back on the show that made her famous. She hosts *Saturday Night Live* this week, the third time she's had the honour. The musical guest is U.K. singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding. (Saturday, Global)

The original Blues Brothers

MUSIC DOC. Dan Aykroyd narrates a documentary about the Toronto-formed Downchild Blues Band, who he credits with inspiring the Blues Brothers. Flip, Flop, and Fly, 40 Years of the Downchild Blues Band covers the history of the Juno Award-winning band. (Friday, HBO Canada)

MacDonald does Leno

TALK. Canadian comic Norm MacDonald sits down to chat on *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, along with American Idol judge Steven Tyler. (Friday, A channel)

Gaga at the Garden

MUSIC. Lady Gaga has her first made-for-TV concert debuting tonight after a two-night stint in New York in February. Lady Gaga Presents the Monster Ball Tour: At Madison Square Garden is a two-hour show combining the highlights of the sold out concerts, including all her hits. (Saturday, HBO Canada)

Final race through Rio

REALITY. It's a wrap on *The Amazing Race: Unfinished Business*, which had returning teams getting another crack at the globetrotting challenge.

The final stretch of the race goes through Brazil's Rio de Janeiro before ending in Miami. (Sunday, CTV)

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Emmy deal worth \$66M

The Emmy Awards and the four major TV networks agreed to an eight-year, \$66 million deal that allows for changes in the ceremony, marking its 63rd year in September.

After protracted negotiations, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' board of governors

approved the deal Wednesday night with ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC.

Reality kingpin Mark Burnett, whose credits include Survivor, Celebrity Apprentice and newcomer The Voice, will produce the ceremony airing Sept. 18, according to an academy-network statement.

"We are excited about the continued collaboration with our broadcast partners, and look forward to working with Fox and, for the first time, with Mark Burnett on this year's telecast," said John Shaffner, academy chairman and CEO.

The major broadcasters

will continue airing the awards in a "wheel rotation," with Fox kicking off the new cycle.

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Who will help Oprah say goodbye?

► Tom Cruise, Jennifer Aniston?

► 154,000 ask for tickets

Oprah Winfrey has given the world 25 years of poets and politicians, A-list actors and musicians and talk show topics that defined and reflected American culture.

As The Oprah Winfrey Show ends, with 16 episodes left as of May 4, her millions of fans around the globe are waiting to see how she will close out a show that engineered a media empire.

The show is dubbed Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular. Winfrey hates surprises, producers say, but she has agreed to this event.

But for fans, questions remain.

Who will be at the United Center that Tuesday night? Who will be beamed in by satellite or deliver a taped farewell message?

Winfrey has a stable of celebrity friends who have appeared repeatedly on her talk show. John Travolta. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes. Jennifer Aniston. Chris Rock.

Could the Black Eyed Peas perform, as they did when Winfrey shut down Chicago's Michigan Avenue in 2009?

And Winfrey has other well-respected friends who

could be possibilities: Maya Angelou; Sidney Poitier; Barbara Walters. Not to mention Winfrey's protégés, who she fostered to their own television stardom, such as Mehmet Oz, Phil McGraw and Nate Berkus.

It has the makings for a major cultural event, said Bill Carroll, expert on the daytime television market for Katz Television in New York.

"It's going to be the top-of-the-top of anybody who is available to go to Chicago on that day," Carroll said. "It's going to be talked about and talked about and watched and talked about."

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Big finale

Winfrey's producers plan a star-studded, double taping on May 17 at Chicago's United Center, which holds 20,000 people.

► The shows will air May 23 and 24, as Winfrey's third-to-last and second-to-last episodes.

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'People will die,' says Dobrev

► Vampire Diaries star says season finale is deadly and 'heartbreaking'

Vampire Diaries fans note: Nina Dobrev warns of a "gut-wrenching" season finale in which "people will die."

Dobrev is not giving hints about who will go but predicts that "there will be a lot of tears" among the cast, crew and viewers of the CW hit.

The actress, who says the cast knows little more than the audience about writers' plans, says she was as surprised as anyone the key plotline involving a "sun and moon curse" turned out to be a ruse for character Klaus, who is

Get ready

The Vampire Diaries finale airs on the CW network on May 12 at 8 p.m. ET.

scheming to become a vampire/werewolf hybrid.

"Trust me, when I read that script and looked at those pages and saw that everything that they've all been doing for the last two seasons really has been all made up and a big joke; broke my heart," she said.

Dobrev thinks it was a clever move to make Klaus appear more diabolical.

"It makes Klaus that much smarter and that much more clever and ahead of the game," she said. "It's like a puppet show and he's orchestrating the whole thing."

The actress also reveals that the cast has come up with their own, unofficial name for the hybrid: a "wampire."

Dobrev co-stars with Ian Somerhalder and Paul Wesley, who play vampire brothers obsessed with her two characters on the show: the sweet human Elena and the evil vampire ancestor Katherine.

Because Elena and Katherine are both identified as doppelgängers, Dobrev says "it's assumed" she will eventually have to take on another role as their original. She acknowledges, however, that she has "no idea" if that will happen.

"I didn't even know that I'd be playing Katherine when I signed on the project," she said. "It just popped up in the script one day and now there's mumbling about this third character because of the whole doppelgänger thing." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Actors Paul Wesley, left, Nina Dobrev, centre, and Ian Somerhalder speak onstage during Spike TV's Scream 2010 at The Greek Theatre last year in Los Angeles.

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Jamie Campbell Bower wonders if it's something other than his talents that helped him land roles in two of Hollywood's most successful fantasy film franchises — Harry Potter and the Twilight saga — not to mention the role of legendary King Arthur in the new Starz epic, Camelot.

"Maybe I have a look," he ponders about his career in the genre. "Do you think I have a look?"

After posing a few questions about tackling the iconic Arthur to the 22-year-old, we're pretty sure his appeal is more about charisma and confidence than just that smoldering stare.

What kind of king do you play in "Camelot"?

Magic man

Bower is a familiar face in stories with supernatural elements. So why does he think the genre is experiencing so much popularity right now?

"Above anything, people want to be taken away from the monotony of daily life," he says. "They want to invest in characters. People want to be entertained. I don't think it's a genre thing per se — it should be all about story."

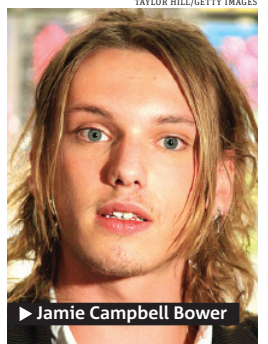
A child. Torn from his home, from everything he thought he knew, and thrown into a position of great power. Our Arthur, to begin with, is scared and confused, but throughout the first season, and hopefully subsequent, he grows and develops into a man and into a true king.

How does he differ from other incarnations of the character?

Not many interpretations of the myth pick up the story (with Arthur as a boy). People may have this preconceived idea of what King Arthur should be like — a big, bearded, brutish hero, but what we have done is add realism to the story. If — because there is no factual evidence that this man existed — he did exist, Arthur would have been a boy at some point, and what episodic television allows us is the time to explore the realities of life and a development of character.

Did you have any apprehensions in bringing this legend to life?

Yes, of course. With great power comes great responsibility. It was terrifying for me but I love a challenge.



Jamie Campbell Bower

Have you experienced any criticism for your interpretation of Arthur? Fantasy fans can be a tough crowd.

Yes. I think there are critics out there who have, like I said before, a preconceived idea of who this character is and they are not willing to change that. The whole idea of our show is progression. It should be exciting to see this character grow. I suppose you can't please everyone.

Camelot is expected to air on CBC Television later this year.

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Spider-Man heads to Spider-Island

► A new twist is coming for Peter Parker and fans of the popular comic book

Things are going to get buggy for Spider-Man as the Marvel Comics hero realizes what life can be like when everybody — from the food cart vendor on the corner to the guy

sitting across the subway train — can crawl on walls, tingle with spider-sense and even spin webs.

Marvel writer Dan Slott is set to upend Peter Parker's existence — one

where his arachnid-inspired powers were usually his own — with a story this summer set in Manhattan and, fittingly, dubbed Spider-Island.

The seeds of the eight-

issue story starting in The Amazing Spider-Man No. 666, drawn by Stefano Caselli, and concluding with the epilogue in No. 673, also drawn by Caselli, will be sown in one of the

"One of the things we all know about Spider-Man is his great catch line — even President Obama has said it — 'With great power comes great responsibility.' And Spider-Island is asking, 'What if his power was not great?'" MARVEL WRITER DAN SLOTT

two comics that Marvel is giving away on Saturday as part of the international Free Comic Book Day celebration, now in its 10th year.

"It's an honest to gosh, all new issue of Spider-Man, 20 pages," Slott said, adding that events in the issue, titled The Way of the Spider will set up the upcoming Spider-Island

story.

The free issue, illustrated by Humberto Ramos, who is also drawing the full story in issues No. 667-672, with inks by Carlos Cuevas and Victor Olazaba, features not just Spider-Man but also Shang-Chi, the Master of Kung Fu, and Jessica Drew, the original Spider-Woman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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MJ loved Cirque: Founder

It seems Michael Jackson was as fond of Montreal's Cirque du Soleil as the famed acrobatic troupe is of him.

Cirque founder Guy Laliberte says the late King of Pop frequented company shows, and that's one of the reasons why they're honouring his legacy with several new projects.

"Michael was one of the greatest artists to hit this planet in the last 100 years. He was a great creative person, a great performer," Laliberte said in an interview this week as he was inducted into the Canadian Busi-

ness Hall of Fame.

"We knew him because he was a big fan of Cirque du Soleil. He was coming to every show, more than one time."

Opening in Montreal in October, Cirque's Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour will feature 60 international performers and a fantastical stage setting. Renowned choreographer Jamie King wrote and directs the \$57 million production, which will feature acrobats performing Jackson's signature dance moves to his music.

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Talking points

This book is not for Bullock

EX-HUSBAND. Friends of Sandra Bullock say the Oscar-winning actress won't be reading ex-husband Jesse James' new tell-all book, *American Outlaw*, according to Popeater.

"He has got nerve going on TV and moaning that he has spent the last five years worrying only about Sandra when we all know the only person Jesse ever thinks about is himself," the source says.

"He's learned nothing. He says that he has forgiven himself and moved on, but obviously doesn't give a damn about others forgiving him. If he did he wouldn't be reliving this ugly time again to sell a book."

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► Sandra Bullock

Rough patch for Leo and Bar

Rumours about possible breakup

Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli's separate social lives are once again fueling breakup rumours.

According to Page Six, the couple is "going through a difficult patch," but are committed to working through their problems.

Earlier this week, DiCaprio chose to hang out with friends at the Standard hotel in New York in lieu of accompanying Refaeli to the Met Costume Institute gala.

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► Leonardo DiCaprio

Blunt is too good for you, John?

John Krasinski admits that when he first met wife Emily Blunt, he was caught off-guard.

"I wasn't really looking for a relationship and I was thinking I'd take my time in L.A.," *The Office* star tells *Ellen DeGeneres* during an interview.

"Then I met her and I was so nervous. I was like, 'Oh God, I think I'm going to fall in love with her.' As I shook her hand I went, 'I like you.'"

As embarrassed as he might've been, it worked,



► John Krasinski

though Krasinski admits he rushed his proposal to the *Devil Wears Prada* star.

"I was like, I'm going to propose to her real fast be-

fore she wakes and is like, 'What am I doing? I can have anybody,'" he says.

"I was like, 'Just put (the ring) on. Shhh...'"

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Celebrity tweets



Had therapy today, which is weird 'cause everybody ELSE is crazy. Um, er, right u guys??? Don't leave a sista hangin



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I just broke my Royal Wedding mug, is this an omen? (I broke it by throwing it out the window)



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I had the most normal dream last night. It was just me waiting in line at the bank for a reasonable amount of time.

No pre-wedding stress for Bell

Just because Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are engaged doesn't mean they're busy with planning the big day.

"We're just not having a wedding," she tells *Us Weekly*. "I mean,

we're still getting married, but we're going to do it whenever we feel like it."

In fact, Bell is still busy celebrating their February 2010 engagement. "The fact that he asked me to marry him is of a little more importance than me planning a party," she says.

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Mother's Day brunch

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Of course, the carefully handprinted (and adorably misspelled) card made by our children is the thing that every mother cherishes from Mother's Day. Flowers are thoughtful and so is brunch at a nice restaurant. But you know what we really want, don't you? That's right: sleep.

As unsexy as it sounds (although maybe if we weren't so tired we might want that a little more, too), sleep is the real and reliable way to a mother's heart. And while we're sleeping, why don't you and the kids make something nice?

Pumpkin French Toast

This Pumpkin French Toast is an elegant and nutritious twist on the classic. Pumpkin adds a nice sweetness, while at the same time boosting the nutritional value.

It's easy enough for small kids to help with or older kids to run with on their own. Plus, tinned puréed pumpkin can be found in stores all year round.

Honestly, the predictable let's-go-out days like Valentine's Day or Mother's Day are better avoided. Restaurants are over-crowded and the service is harried. So much more relaxing to have a nice brunch at home. Or better yet, why not breakfast in bed? Because we'll be sleeping, remember?

Ingredients:

- 4 pieces of multigrain, spelt or another ancient grain bread
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) pumpkin puree
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) 1% milk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) agave nectar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cinnamon
- Pinch ground nutmeg

Preparation:

- 1 Cut bread into four small squares; set aside.
 - 2 In skillet melt 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the butter over medium heat.
 - 3 In bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, eggs, milk and agave. Whisk in cinnamon and nutmeg. Sink each piece of bread in the egg mixture, making sure to coat both sides well.
 - 4 Add egg-soaked bread piece by piece into warm skillet. Cook for 3 minutes and then flip. Cook another 2 minutes or until golden. Add remaining butter to the pan and cook remaining pieces of bread. Stack and serve warm with agave. Makes 4 servings.
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► Pumpkin French Toast

Try a Mimosa or Kir Royale with brunch



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Since Mother's Day is this weekend, I bet many of you (especially the guys) will be cracking a few eggs in honour of that special woman in your life.

When it comes to liquids, brunch is like the mid-day equivalent of a big holiday meal: You've got all kinds of different flavours trying to make nice on one plate.

Off-dry white wines, light, fruitier red wines, dry rosés and, of course, sparkling wines are all great fall-back bottles.

My mom loves a champagne flute of Mimosa. If mixology isn't your thing, the 50/50 blend of orange juice and dry bubbly (pick an inexpensive Spanish Cava) is impossible to flub.

Or try a Kir Royale. Originating in the French Burgundian town of Dijon, it's made by adding a teaspoon of crème de cassis — the region's famous black-currant liqueur — to a glass of bubbles.

While a variety of cassis brands are carried across the country, Védrenne's Supercassis (\$20.25) is a benchmark for the style.



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San Jose going for the sweep

San Jose players say they don't want Detroit to regain momentum

The storied history of the Detroit Red Wings does not happen to include coming back from a 0-3 deficit in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Pavel Datsyuk is confident Detroit can do it, figuring out a way to beat the San Jose Sharks four straight times after losing three in a row by a goal each time.

"If we do not believe, we should just go home," Datsyuk said Thursday. "We believe 100 per cent."

Just three NHL teams have pulled off the feat.

The 2010 Philadelphia Flyers, 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and 1975 New York Islanders are the only teams in league history to win a series after losing the first three games.

"We also have enough respect for our opponent to know that if there's a team that can do it, it would be Detroit," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "So, that should help us prepare. Our lesson that we were taught last year should help us. We know the storm is coming, we've experienced that, but we'd like to be part of that storm."

"We'd like to push back and be ready to play when the puck is dropped."

The Sharks will have



"We're taking the mental attitude that it's a must-win game."

SHARKS CAPTAIN JOE THORNTON

their first chance to advance to the Western Conference finals — for the third time in the franchise's two decades — on Friday night in Detroit.

The Sharks seem to be beating the Red Wings mentally and physically, becoming the first team to have eight post-season wins in a row by a goal each time in league history.

McLellan hopes that doesn't make the Sharks cocky.

"I want to separate last year from this year, but I believed we learned a very valuable lesson in Game 4," he said.

The Sharks lost Game 4 to Detroit 7-1 on the road, then bounced back to eliminate the Red Wings with a 2-1 victory.

"We did not come back," Datsyuk said. "Now, we have another chance."

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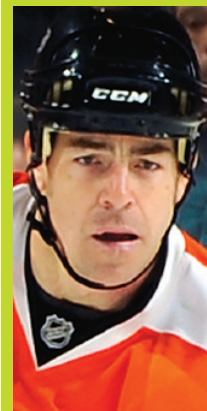


► Devin Setoguchi, left, is congratulated by Sharks teammate Ryane Clowe on Wednesday.

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"We can't think about winning four in row. We can't think of any of that stuff. We just have to come and play the way we know we can and keep getting traffic and win a period, and hopefully win a game, and get to Game 5. And that's all we can do right now."

FLYERS DEFENCEMAN SEAN O'DONNELL. THE FLYERS TRAIL THE BOSTON BRUINS 0-3 IN THEIR PLAYOFF SERIES, THE SAME POSITION THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN LAST YEAR WHEN THEY BECAME ONE OF THREE TEAMS IN NHL HISTORY TO WIN A PLAYOFF SERIES AFTER DROPPING THE FIRST THREE GAMES.

MLB wants more info on Dodgers: Source

Major League Baseball wants more complete access to documents on the Los Angeles Dodgers' finances, a person familiar with the sport's investigation of the team told The Associated Press.

Former Texas Rangers

president Tom Schieffer was appointed last month by commissioner Bud Selig to monitor the team's finances, and he met with Selig and MLB executive vice-president Rob Manfred on Thursday in Milwaukee.

The three decided to

press ahead with MLB's probe of Dodgers finances dating to Frank McCourt's purchase of the club in 2004, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no public statements were authorized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Price has Jays' number

MLB. David Price allowed one unearned run while pitching into the ninth inning. Johnny Damon got his 2,600th hit and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1.

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Salo rejoins Canucks on ice

NHL. Vancouver defenceman Sami Salo returned to the Canucks lineup Thursday night against the Nashville Predators in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinal. Salo sustained an undisclosed injury in Game 6 of the Canucks' opening series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky Derby



► Uncle Mo trains Thursday in preparation for the 137th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

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Uncle Mo ready to go?

Uncle Mo's connections weren't saying Thursday whether the colt will run in Saturday's Kentucky Derby. Recovering from a stomach ailment, Uncle Mo is the 9-2 second choice behind 4-1 early favourite Dialed In. Owner Mike Repole is awaiting results from vets and promised a decision Friday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Grassroots sport takes hit

FIELD OF PLAY

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The election of Elizabeth May in the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands the other

night was a victory for the Green party, but it was also a loss for amateur sport.

While May will bring a strong voice to the House of Commons on issues surrounding the environment, the man she defeated, Gary Lunn, minister of state (sport), will be greatly missed by those who envision a fitter, more physically aware Canada.

During his tenure, Lunn ensured stable and ongoing funding for the Own the Podium program,

which delivered so much to the national landscape during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

"Gary grasped the opportunity the 2010 Games presented Canada to use sport as a vehicle to unite the country around the values we hold so close to our hearts," said Chris Rudge, past CEO/secretary general of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

But it was more than cheerleading that allowed Lunn to succeed at his job. He was committed to making Canada a major player in the arena of international sport.

During Lunn's three years in the post, Canada won the right to host the Pan American Games, the FIFA Women's World Cup and also re-energized its role in the Commonwealth Sports Federation.

"He saw that an investment in high-performance



► Gary Lunn

sport, not just for the Olympic Games, but also as a legacy of the Games, would pay dividends far beyond exceptional performance on the field of play," said Rudge.

Lunn helped keep sport on the national agenda and in the public consciousness.

It was refreshing to see his enthusiasm as he travelled the country, and indeed the world, in order to trumpet the message of sport and how it could make Canadians more competitive, perhaps even prouder to wear the Maple

Leaf. You would run into him at Lake Louise, Alta., for World Cup skiing or in Kingston at a university basketball game. Lunn always applauded the role sport plays in the country's heritage.

"This is a great loss for the country. I feel certain of this," said Kelly Murumets, president and CEO of ParticipAction, a national non-profit organization that promotes healthy living and physical fitness in Canada.

"Gary genuinely cared about sport, about physical activity, about competition (at grassroots and elite levels), about Canadians."

Unlike some of those who preceded him in the sport portfolio, you get the impression Lunn actually wanted to be there.

Now he's gone and amateur sport is faced with plugging a huge hole in the lineup.

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PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON VS. TAMPA BAY
(Tampa Bay wins 4-0)

Wednesday's result

Tampa Bay 5 Washington 3

PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON

(Boston leads 3-0)

Wednesday's result

Boston 5 Philadelphia 1

Tonight's game

Philadelphia at Boston, 8 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Boston at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

Tuesday's game

x-Philadelphia at Boston, TBA

Thursday, May 12

x-Boston at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE

(Vancouver leads 2-1)

Last night's result

Vancouver at Nashville

Saturday's game

Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Monday's game

x-Vancouver at Nashville, TBA

Wednesday, May 11

x-Nashville at Vancouver, TBA

SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT

(San Jose leads 3-0)

Wednesday's result

San Jose 4 Detroit 3 (OT)

Tonight's game

San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Detroit at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's game

x-San Jose at Detroit, TBA

Thursday, May 12

x-Detroit at San Jose, TBA

x — if necessary.

WEDNESDAY

SHARKS 4, RED WINGS 3 (OT)

First Period

1. San Jose, Setoguchi 2 (Thornton, Pavelski)

12:57 (pp)

2. Detroit, Lidstrom 2 (Zetterberg, Holm-

strom) 19:38 (pp)

Penalties — Clowe SJ (interference) 6:29,

Helm Det (high-sticking) 11:55, Draper Det

(roughing) 16:07, I.White SJ (tripping) 18:44.

Second Period

3. Detroit, Eaves 3 (Helm, Draper) 13:59

4. San Jose, Setoguchi 3 (Boyle, Thornton)

14:49 (pp)

5. Detroit, Datsyuk 3 (Zetterberg, Lidstrom)

18:17 (pp)

Penalties — Rafalski Det (interference) 14:16,

Setoguchi SJ (holding) 16:33.

Third Period

6. San Jose, Boyle 1 (Wellwood, Mitchell) 15:52

Penalty — Hudler Det (hooking) 6:22.**First Overtime**

7. San Jose, Setoguchi 4 (Thornton) 9:21

Penalty — Setoguchi SJ (holding) 5:11.**Shots**

San Jose 11 8 16 3 — 38

Detroit 12 14 8 7 — 41

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (W, 6-2-0); Detroit:Howard (L, 4-3-0). **Power plays** (goals-

chances) — San Jose: 2-4; Detroit: 2-4.

Referees — Eric Furlatt, Marc Joannette.

Linesmen — Greg Devorski, Brian Murphy.

Att. — 20,066 (20,066) at Detroit.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
St. Louis, TB	6	7	13
Lecavalier, TB	5	7	12
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	10	12
Downie, TB	2	10	12
Purcell, TB	1	11	12
Ouehkin, Wash	5	5	10
Marchand, Bos	4	6	10
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
Briere, Pha	7	2	9
Krejci, Bos	5	4	9
Datsyuk, Det	3	6	9
Clowe, SJ	4	5	9
J.Thornton, SJ	2	7	9
Bergenheim, TB	7	1	8
Horton, Bos	5	3	8
D.Sedin, Vcr	5	3	8
Kesler, Vcr	2	6	8
Moore, TB	2	6	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
van Riemsdyk, Pha	7	0	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
Burrows, Vcr	4	3	7
Kelly, Bos	4	3	7
Ward, Nash	4	3	7
Couture, SJ	2	5	7
Gagne, TB	2	5	7
Boyle, SJ	1	6	7
Gagnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Laich, Wash	1	6	7
Keith, Chi	4	2	6
Pavelski, SJ	4	2	6
Semin, Wash	4	2	6
Stamkos, TB	4	2	6
Fisher, Nash	3	3	6
Bolland, Chi	2	4	6
Getzlaf, Ana	2	4	6
Holmstrom, Det	2	4	6
Hossa, Chi	2	4	6
Johansson, Wash	2	4	6
Meszaros, Pha	2	4	6
Recchi, Bos	2	4	6
Spaling, Nash	2	4	6
Arnott, Wash	1	5	6
Brewer, TB	1	5	6
Ehrhoff, Vcr	1	5	6
Green, Wash	1	5	6
P.Kane, Chi	1	5	6
Myers, Buf	1	5	6
M.Richards, Bos	1	5	6
Suter, Nash	1	5	6
Timonen, Pha	1	5	6
I.White, SJ	1	5	6
Vaneek, Buf	5	0	5
Setoguchi, SJ	4	1	5
Doan, Pha	3	2	5
Clifford, LA	3	2	5
Gionta, Mtl	3	2	5
Legwand, Nash	3	2	5
Leino, Pha	3	2	5
Malone, TB	3	2	5
Sharp, Chi	3	2	5
S.Weber, Nash	3	2	5
Frolik, Chi	2	3	5
Heatley, SJ	2	3	5
Lidstrom, Det	2	3	5
Marleau, SJ	2	3	5
Richardson, LA	2	3	5
Plekanec, Mtl	2	3	5
Smyth, LA	2	3	5
Vrbata, Pha	2	3	5
Erat, Nash	1	4	5
Ference, Bos	1	4	5
Filippula, Det	1	4	5
Ja.Johnson, LA	1	4	5

T.Mitchell, SJ	1	4	5
Peverley, Bos	1	4	5
Tootoo, Nash	1	4	5
Wellwood, SJ	1	4	5
H.Sedin, Vcr	0	5	5
Versteeg, Pha	0	5	5
Yandle, Pha	0	5	5
Asham, Pgh	3	1	4
Blake, Ana	3	1	4
Ryan, Ana	3	1	4
J.Williams, LA	3	1	4
Bickell, Chi	2	2	4
Chara, Bos	2	2	4
Chimera, Wash	2	2	4
Doughty, LA	2	2	4
Ennis, Buf	2	2	4
Ryder, Bos	2	2	4
Subban, Mtl	2	2	4
Bieksa, Vcr	1	3	4

Last night's game not included

HOCKEY

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFICATION ROUND

Group E

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	PT
Czech Rep.	2	2	0	0	0	8	1	6
Germany	2	2	0	0	0	6	3	6
Russia	3	2	0	0	1	8	8	6
Finland	2	1	0	0	1	6	3	3
Slovakia	2	0	0	0	2	6	8	0
Denmark	3	0	0	0	3	4	15	0

Group F

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	PT
Canada	2	1	1	0	0	13	4	5
Norway	3	1	1	0	1	10	10	5
Sweden	2	1	0	0	1	10	7	4
United States	2	1	0	0	1	6	8	3
Switzerland	3	0	1	1	1	6	7	3
France	2	0	0	1	1	1	10	1

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an

overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.

Yesterday's results

At Bratislava

Russia 4 Denmark 3

At Kosice

Norway 3 Switzerland 2

Today's games

All times Eastern

At Bratislava

Germany vs. Finland, 10:15 a.m.

Czech Republic vs. Slovakia, 2:15 p.m.

At Kosice

Canada vs. United States, 10:15 a.m.

Sweden vs. France, 2:15 p.m.

Saturday's games

At Bratislava

Germany vs. Denmark, 10:15 a.m.

Finland vs. Slovakia, 2:15 p.m.

At Kosice

Canada vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.

United States vs. France, 2:15 p.m.

Sunday's games

At Bratislava

Czech Republic vs. Russia, 10:15 a.m.

At Kosice

Sweden vs. Switzerland, 10:15 a.m.

Monday's games

At Bratislava

Slovakia vs. Denmark, 6:15 a.m.

Russia vs. Finland, 10:15 a.m.

Germany vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.

At Kosice

France vs. Norway, 6:15 a.m.

Switzerland vs. United States, 10:15 a.m.

Canada vs. Sweden, 2:15 p.m.

END OF QUALIFICATION ROUND

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	12	.586	—
Tampa Bay	17	14	.548	1
Baltimore	14	16	.467	3½
Boston	14	17	.452	4
Toronto	14	17	.452	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	9	.700	—
Kansas City	17	14	.548	4½
Detroit	15	17	.469	7
Minnesota	11	18	.379	9½
Chicago	11	21	.344	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	14	.563	—
Texas	17	14	.548	½
Oakland	16	16	.500	2
Seattle	14	17	.452	3½

Yesterday's results

Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 1
L.A. Angels 11 Boston 0
Detroit 6 N.Y. Yankees 3
Kansas City 9 Baltimore 1
Cleveland 4 Oakland 3 (12 innings)
Texas at Seattle

Wednesday's results

Toronto 3 Tampa Bay 2
L.A. Angels 5 Boston 3 (13 innings)
Minnesota 3 Chicago White Sox 2
Baltimore 3 Kansas City 2
Texas 5 Seattle 2
Oakland 3 Cleveland 1

Detroit 4 N.Y. Yankees 0

Today's games

All times Eastern

Tampa Bay (Shields 2-1) at Baltimore (Brit-

ton 5-1), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Coke 1-4) at Toronto (Litsch 2-2),

7:07 p.m.

Minnesota (S.Baker 1-2) at Boston (Wake-

field 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Nova 2-2) at Texas (Harrison 3-

3), 8:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Gonzalez 3-2) at Kansas City (O'-

Sullivan 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Masterson 5-0) at L.A. Angels

(Chatwood 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

(F.Hernandez 3-2), 10:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Minnesota at Boston, 1:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1:10 p.m.

Detroit at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.

Oakland at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Wednesday's results

D.C. United 2 Seattle FC 1

Colorado 2 Houston 1

Tonight's game

All times Eastern

Philadelphia at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m.

Houston at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.

Colorado at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	9	.690	—
Florida	19	11	.633	1½
Atlanta	17	15	.531	4½
Washington	14	16	.467	6½
New York	13	18	.419	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	18	14	.563	—
Cincinnati	16	15	.516	1½
Pittsburgh	15	16	.484	2½
Chicago	14	16	.467	3
Milwaukee	13	17	.433	4
Houston	12	19	.387	5½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	18	10	.643	—
San Francisco	15	16	.484	4½
Los Angeles	15	17	.469	5
Arizona	13	16	.448	5½
San Diego	12	19	.387	7½

Yesterday's results

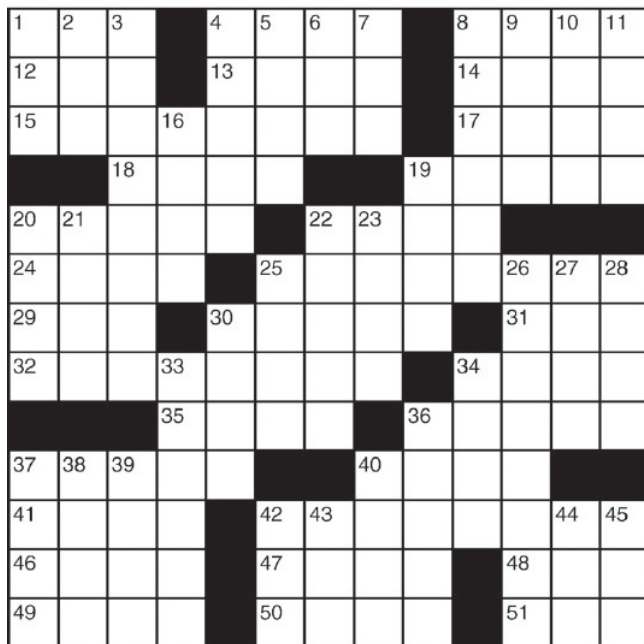
Crossword

Across

- 1 — Mahal
4 Parisian pals
8 Choose from a group
12 Fuss
13 Color quality
14 On the briny
15 Old communication method
17 Bit of banter
18 Comestibles
19 Stallion or mare
20 Malaria symptoms
22 Transaction
24 Tranquil
25 Pollen-caused allergy
29 Under the weather
30 Cupid's yokemate
31 Is for you?
32 Short-term employment
34 Schleps
35 Shakespeare's river
36 Cockpit VIP
37 Steeple
40 Regimen
41 Lumber
42 Spring parade leader
46 Initial stake
47 Birthright barterer
48 Old studio letters
49 Paraphernalia
50 Sommelier's offering
51 Stitch

Down

- 1 Noisy dance
2 Oklahoma city
3 With glee
4 Friend of D'Artagnan
5 Disposition

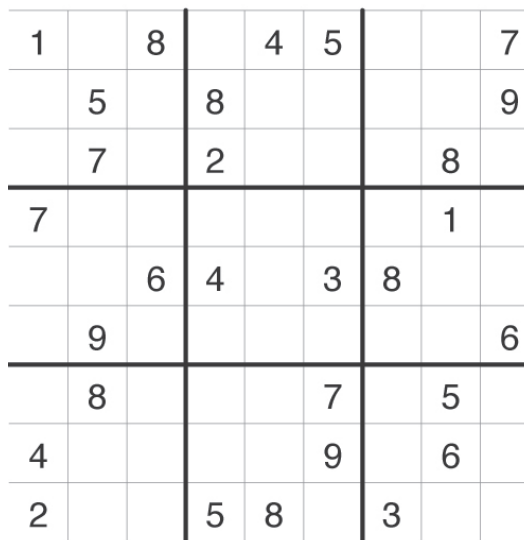


- 6 Hostel
7 Get a glimpse of
8 Wheedle
9 Addict
10 Not so much
11 Tardy
16 Verse
19 Weapon's handle
20 Alkali neutralizer
21 Festive
22 Pythias' pal
23 Watchful one
25 Vagrant
26 Some track-and-field athletes
27 Therefore
28 Take a break
30 Bear lair
33 Pantry
34 Stead
36 Resentment
37 Booty
38 Corn concoction
39 Tittle
40 Actress Cannon
42 Kitten's call
43 "— was saying, ..."
44 Scratch (out)
45 Promptly

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

4	8	5	9	6	7	3	1	2
6	3	1	4	2	5	7	9	8
2	9	7	1	8	3	6	5	4
9	5	6	2	7	8	1	4	3
3	1	2	6	4	9	8	7	5
8	7	4	3	5	1	9	2	6
1	4	3	8	9	2	5	6	7
7	2	9	5	3	6	4	8	1
5	6	8	7	1	4	2	3	9

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ceejaay

BABY<3 i love you, and you are my happily ever after. Thanks for making this year so special, by giving me my first mothersday:) te amo te amo te amo<3 FROM MANNYB

Hey Deidra i cant stop thinking about u i miss u so much please i want us to work it out and share the rest of our future together... plz call me i miss all the jokes and late night u rode along with me...! ..

FROM MI LUV

Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20
Jupiter in your sign makes you want everything to be perfect but, of course, nothing ever is.
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21
You will be in just the right place at just the right time today.
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21
Nothing in life ever comes for free. Bear that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong.
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22
Steer clear of power struggles and office politics today.
♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23
If someone

gives you a hard time today it is most likely because they want to provoke you.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You may wonder if you really deserve all the good things that are coming your way. Of course you do: you earn everything you get in life.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Stay calm, be positive and act as if you have already won.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't compare yourself to other people

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♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Don't keep your suspicions to yourself: if facts and figures don't add up find out why.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Emotions will be running high today. Let is pass in peace.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Focus on tasks that are enjoyable and do not require much effort.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20.
Anything you do on impulse is likely to backfire

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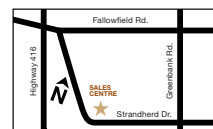


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